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Citations BA-BC, BE, BF, BH-BJ, BL and BN were cited in a third party observation in a Japanese Priority application No. 2003-403688 (copy attached) received by the Japanese patent agent involved with that matter. The other cited references therein, JP2001-516810, JP59-64781

and JP 11-106945, are not enclosed since each family application, WO 99/14399, EP 0153973 and EP 0949353, respectively, has been previously submitted in an IDS in this application.

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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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